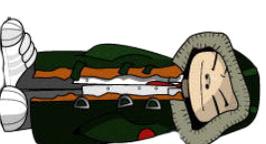
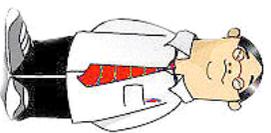




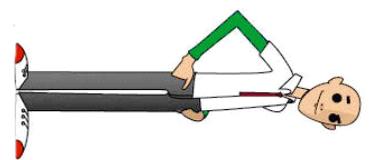
Minor illness and school attendance



Good Attendance Means...
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



175 non school days a year!
All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments



Introduction

Liverpool Council's Education Welfare Service works closely with the School Health Service and many other agencies to make sure that children and young people can benefit from all the educational opportunities available to them.

To achieve this aim, we work in partnership with parents/carers and schools to make sure pupils attend as regular as possible. Although at Fazakerley Primary School our attendance rate is generally good, there is a steady increase in the number of children missing school to assumed illness. To tackle this trend, we need the support of parents and carers. To help avoid unnecessary school absences while promoting child welfare, we have produced this leaflet to offer advice and inform parents and carers of the support available.



Is your child well enough to attend school?

Raised temperature

If your child looks or feels shivery, unusually cold or hot, they may have a raised temperature. This may be due to a variety of reasons. If your child has a raised temperature, contact your Doctor or NHS Direct.

Colds and coughs

A child may attend school with minor colds and coughs. However, children with bad or long-lasting coughs need to seek medical attention as soon as possible.



Rashes

A rash could be the first sign of one of childhood's many illnesses, such as chicken pox or measles. The rash or 'spots' may cover the entire body or appear in one area.

Don't send your child to school with an unexplained rash until you have consulted your doctor.

NOTE: After 3 days of absence a doctor's note may be required to confirm the reason of absence.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

If your child has or is vomiting, they need to be kept at home until they can keep food down. If your child has diarrhoea, you should also keep them at home.

Consult your doctor if your child does not improve as you expect.

Minor aches and pains

If your child has tooth ache or ear ache, you need to consult a dentist or doctor immediately. Appointments must be made out of school time whenever possible. If your child has got a headache (without any other symptoms), they are usually fit to go into school and don't need to be kept at home.



Sore throat

If your child complains of a sore throat and has no other symptoms, they are fit to go to school.



Some common rules about illness absence

Minor illnesses

If your child isn't well on a school day, please contact the school office on (0151) 474-3060. Also, when your child returns to school please send in a note explaining their absence

Longer Absences

If your child is absent from school for 3 or more days, or is often absent for short spells, we may ask to see a doctor's note to confirm the reason for your child's absence. You need to send a letter to school if your child:

- Has any condition which requires hospital or surgical treatment.
- Returns to school with a cast or stitches.
- Needs restricted PE lessons or playtime activities for more than three consecutive days.

If school has a concern about the health of your child and their absence from school, they will arrange for a consultation meeting with the school nurse which you will be given the chance to attend.